

**CLAIMS**

The following represents a complete listing of the claims with present status:

1-28 (canceled).

29 (currently amended). A readily assembled knock-down, self-supporting display stand for exhibiting display devices or ~~the like~~, including banners and photo murals, comprising:

- (a) mounting devices comprising upper and lower mounting devices for carrying opposite ends of a display device;
- (b) a pair of elongate flexible strut members for connecting to and spacing said mounting devices and thereby maintaining a display device carried therebetween in tension, said strut members being designed to cross behind said display device forming an X pattern;
- (c) a stand base comprising said lower mounting devices and a pair of base members, each base member having a first end designed to be connected with one of said lower mounting devices and one of said strut members and having a second end;
- (d) elongate, adjustable, stabilizing member having an upper end connected near the crossing point of the

strut members and a lower end connected with the second end of said base members; and

- e) retaining member extending about the junction of said pair of strut members and connected with the upper end of said stabilizing member.

30 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 29 wherein one or more of said strut members, said base members and said stabilizing member are hollow tubes.

31 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 29 wherein all of said strut members, said base members and said stabilizing members are hollow tubes.

32 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 29 when all said members contain aluminum.

33 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 31 when all said members contain aluminum.

34 (canceled).

35 (currently amended). A readily assembled knock-down, self-supporting display stand for exhibiting display devices or the like, including banners and photo murals, comprising:

- (a) mounting devices comprising upper and lower mounting devices for carrying opposite ends of a display device;

- (b) a pair of elongate flexible hollow strut members for connecting to and spacing said mounting devices and thereby maintaining a display device carried therebetween in tension, said strut members being designed to cross behind said display device forming an X pattern;
- (c) a stand base comprising said lower mounting devices and a pair of hollow base tube members, each hollow base tube member having a first end designed to be connected with a device selected from the group consisting of one of said lower mounting devices and one of said strut members or both and having a second end;
- (d) elongate, adjustable, hollow stabilizing tube member having an upper end connected near the crossing point of the strut members and a lower end connected with the second end of said base tube members; and
- (e) retaining member extending about the junction of said pair of strut members and connected with the upper end of said stabilizing tube member.

36 (previously presented). A display stand as in claim 35 wherein each said base member is adjustably connected with one of said strut members.

37 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 35 wherein one or more of said strut members, said base members and said stabilizing members are hollow tubes.

38 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 36 wherein one or more of said strut members, said base members and said stabilizing members are hollow tubes.

39 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 35 wherein all of said strut members, said base members and said stabilizing members are hollow tubes.

40 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 36 wherein all of said strut members, said base members and said stabilizing members are hollow tubes.

41 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 29 when all said members contain aluminum.

42 (previously presented). The display stand of claim 35 when all said members contain aluminum.

43 (currently amended). A readily assembled knock-down, self-supporting display stand for exhibiting display devices ~~or~~ the like, including banners and photo murals, comprising:

(a) mounting devices comprising upper and lower mounting devices for carrying opposite ends of a display device;

- (b) a pair of elongate flexible hollow strut members for connecting to and spacing said mounting devices and thereby maintaining a display device carried therebetween in tension, said strut members being designed to cross behind said display device forming an X pattern;
- (c) a stand base comprising a pair of hollow base tube members, each hollow base tube member having a first end designed to be connected with one of said strut members and having a second end;
- (d) elongate, adjustable, hollow stabilizing tube member having an upper end connected near a crossing point of the strut members and a lower end connected with the second end of said base tube members; and
- (e) retaining member extending about the junction of said pair of strut members and connected with the upper end of said stabilizing tube member.

44 (previously presented). A display stand as in claim 43 wherein each said base member is adjustably connected with one of said strut members.